

Amended Claims for PCT/AU05/00434

Amendments:

5 We have deleted Claims 7 to 32

We are keeping Claims 1-6, and Claims 33 to 36 (now renamed Claims 7 to 10)

We have renamed Claims 33 to 36 to Claims 7 to 10

We are only keeping the 10 claims below:

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CLAIMS

1. An attachment mechanism for attaching together a pet lead and a clip for a pet collar, the mechanism comprising a male portion adapted for connection to one of the lead or clip, and a female portion adapted for connection to the other of the clip or lead respectively, wherein the male portion is a shank having a lug at a distal end thereof and the female portion is a sleeve having a slot in a side wall thereof that is shaped to laterally receive the shank and lug therethrough and allow the lug to move longitudinally to a seat, from where it must be moved longitudinally then laterally to be removed from the sleeve.
- 20 2. A mechanism as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a plug shaped for fastening receipt in the sleeve slot whereby, once the shank and lug have been inserted through the slot, the plug can be inserted and fastened into the slot to lock the shank and lug in the sleeve.
3. A mechanism as claimed in claim 2, wherein the plug has opposing projecting finger/s, each having a hooking formation at a free end thereof, and wherein an internal wall of the sleeve has corresponding hole/s defined therethrough, each hole for receiving a respective part of the hooking formation therein to fasten the plug in the sleeve when it is inserted into the slot.
- 25 4. A mechanism as claimed in Claim 1 ~~by one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the male portion is integrally formed with and extends from a proximal end of the clip, and the female portion is adapted for connection to a distal end of the lead.
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